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SOURCE Aussenhandels NachrichtenEXPANSION OF BULGARIAN HEAVY INDUSTRY, CONSTRUCTION

SHARE OF HEAVY INDUSTRY GROWS -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 29 Mar 52

Under the First Five-Year Plan for the development of the national economy (1949 - 1953) the share of heavy industry in the entire industrial production of Bulgaria is to increase from 30 to 45 percent. The actual growth of this branch of industry has, however, outdistanced considerably the objectives set in the plan. As early as the end of 1951, heavy industry was putting out 43 percent of the entire industrial production.

During 1952, the production of heavy industry is to be raised by an additional 16 percent above the 1951 production. This will involve increases of 12.8 percent and 27.5 percent in the mining of coal and ore, respectively. Particular emphasis is being given to the development of the metallurgical industry and of the chemical industry.

DEVELOP MINING DISTRICTS IN RHODOPE MOUNTAINS -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 27 Feb 52

Socialist construction in Bulgaria has been extended to the previously backward mining districts, which are now being developed. The Rhodope Mountain area, for instance, was recently opened up for mining. In connection with the industrial facilities and industrial cities which are to be constructed, an all-inclusive building program is under way. In the aforementioned area a factory for the processing of minerals, a number of other factories, and bridges and streets have been made available for use.

During 1952, building activity in the Rhodope Mountain area is to be stepped up to five times the 1950 rate of construction. In the principal center of the mining industry in the Rhodope Mountain area, the city of Kurdzhali, it is planned to complete in 1952 a number of large projects started in 1951, such as large apartment houses and a social center.

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PRODUCE FIRST THERMOSTAT, COAL LOADING MACHINES -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 9 Apr 52

The "Anton Ivanov" Factory has produced the first Bulgarian thermostat, which automatically regulates the temperature in refrigeration rooms. The factory has begun serial production of these instruments. It has also begun the production of powerful refrigerating units and of electric cooling chambers.

The heavy machine building industry in Bulgaria is developing successfully. The "Stalin" Factory at Dimitrovo has begun the production of loading machines for coal shutes, along the lines of the Soviet model S-153. The State Machine-Building Factory has begun the production of high-capacity universal milling machines and high-speed lathes.

GET DRILLING EQUIPMENT FROM USSR -- Berlin, Aussenhandels Nachrichten, 5 Apr 52

Sixty-four tons of pipe for the expansion of the petroleum drilling facilities in Dobrudzha have arrived from the Soviet Union at the Bulgarian port of Tolbukhin. The Soviet Union has also furnished a superlarge drill of the "Du" type. With the aid of this drill, which operates automatically, it will be possible to locate water supplies deep under the ground which can be used for drinking water and irrigation.

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